

**To:** FACS Teachers

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Thank you to all the teachers who have shared your resources on the listserv. All of you are so generous to help others. I am sure these resources are being put to good use by everyone. I hope that each of you are storing these resources in a good place and keeping an electronic back up. I know from experience how things sometime disappear.

I would like to take a moment to comment again on emails concerning use of movies in the classroom. Movies that are of interest to our teenagers are a great way to reinforce the skills and information that is taught in FACS classes. Some of the movie titles that have been mentioned are ones that have parental guidance warnings. Several of the movies that have been mentioned I have actually watched and would not advise that these be shown in the classroom. I strongly encourage you to get approval from your administration to use any movie, especially one with a warning, before showing it in the classroom. You should check to see if your district has any policies concerning use of movies or movie clips. Many movie titles and guides have been shared. I appreciate the time and effort that many of you have put into developing the guides. If a movie is shown a guide should be used. Discussion of the movie and guide should take place so that the student can see the relevance of the movie, not just watching a movie to fill up time. Most movies, if shown in their entirety, would require at least two class period and time to follow up with discussion. Instead of showing entire movies why not just show clips that fit for your class. Please remember that all frameworks must be covered so be selective in the number of movies and/or clips that are shown during the year as well as the type of movie being shown. We hope that all of you are having a great school year. We wish for each of you a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year".

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